martlet

Number 4
Volume 22
Thursday, July 29, 1982

Socreds hit profs

The Socred government is expected to announce this week 6 per cent limits on university faculty and public-school teacher salary increases, citing deteriorating economic conditions and a provincial deficit that could reach $1 billion.

But UVic Faculty Association President Gordon Shrimpton said that the wage limits could be nothing more than an attempt to "isolate and embarrass" the BCGEU.

Shrimpton said that UVic faculty would accept the salary limits to avoid layoffs, but that they would be upset if the government's economic situation was not as serious as they were led to believe.

The latest extension of the Socred's Restraint in Government program, will come less than one week before possible strike action by provincial government employees in the BCGEU. It will follow last week's "doom and gloom" meetings on the provincial economy between government representatives and representatives of faculty, staff and administration at BC's three universities. Similar meetings were held with the B.C. Teachers' Federation.

Shrimpton told the MARTLET that the Faculty Association was expecting a basic 6 per cent salary limit, with a possible 2 per cent linked to "productivity" (increased enrollment), and hopefully 2 per cent more based on "historic relationships".

UVic President Dr. Petch would not comment on the new Socred restraints until the actual announcement was made, but did say that while the limits given by Shrimpton were accurate, the optional 2 per cent increase linked to historical relationships was tied to the Consumer Price Index, not UBC and SFU faculty salaries.

Greater Victoria School Board Chairman Peter Yorke reportedly said that the new limits would roll back to 6 per cent wage increases already won earlier this year by B.C.'s teachers.

The new restraints are expected to include reductions in university capital spending but details were not available as the MARTLET went to press.

Local CUPE representative Terry Wiley said that he was assured that the restraints would not hit the contracts already signed by UVic's unionized workers.

Wiley said that CUPE was invited to the meeting last week between Universities Minister Pat McGeer and UVic administration and faculty representatives "just as a courtesy."

"Everybody got the same spiel," said Wiley. "The economy, ministry cutbacks...it was frustrating, that was all."

Shrimpton said that university faculty have lost 25 per cent of their salaries to inflation in the last ten years, but, because they were prevented by law from unionizing, there was little they could do to prevent the wage limits.

He said that, based on life-time earnings, faculty were the 2nd lowest paid profession, ahead of only school teachers, but that he expected new figures would show faculty were now the lowest-paid profession.

Shrimpton said that the Faculty Association had not been negotiating salaries with the university, and had instead been seeking binding arbitration on wages like SFU and UBC faculty.

Veronica Willoughby

Victoria Labour Council President and BCGEU representative Peter James at one of the union's mobile polling stations. The BCGEU was forced to set up similar polling stations across the province because of provincial government regualtions preventing voting at workplaces.

BCGEU votes strike

Stock up on beer for the hot weather to come.

The B.C. Government Employees Union (BCGEU), representing over 40,000 provincial government employees in B.C., announced an 89 percent YES strike vote July 27, and with negotiations between the union and the Government Employees Relations Bureau (GERB) at a standstill job-action appears likely.

The union will be in a legal position to strike by midnight August 3rd, and B.C.'s liquor stores will probably be among the first government operations to shut down.

The BCGEU will be continuing to meet with GERB negotiators until Friday, but with GERB demanding an end to flex-time and union participation in shift-scheduling, before discussing wage demands, a settlement is unlikely.

Union negotiators, coming off a three-year, 8 percent per year contract, are demanding a wage increase that will "catch-up" union members to ground lost to inflation.

While a strike by the BCGEU could shut down everything from Department of Highways ferry service to the processing of student-aid applications, indications are that the union will instead use selective walkouts that will hit government revenue collection and cause the least public discomfort.

The BCGEU's chief negotiator John Fryer said earlier this week that the union would strike even essential services if the government locked out union members, but such action is calculated to leave the government in the embarassing situation of first keeping government workers from their jobs and then having to bring in legislation to order them back to work.

BCGEU representatives in Vancouver told the MARTLET that the turnout for the strike vote was over 80 percent of the union's membership.

"We're angry at being scapegoats for the government's restraint program," said the union's public relations officer. She said that GERB demands to end union participation in shift-scheduling were an attack on union rights acquired in eight years of bargaining.

Student Manpower underused

by clint burnham

You wouldn't know it when you walk past the Federal Building at 1230 Government, but housed behind the large expanse of grey windows is the federal government's main contribution to fighting student unemployment, Canada Student Manpower. And you, like most Victoria students this summer, probably aren't using this job-finding service.

Shauna Markham, supervisor of the Student Manpower Office, doesn't understand why students aren't coming to her office when there is so much talk about record student unemployment this summer. She blames the low number of clients on student ignorance of the service, apathy on the part of students discouraged by press reports of the impossible job market, and disillusioned students who've been hunting since April or May and still have not found jobs.

Why don't students know about Student Manpower? "When we opened May 3," says Markham, "there was a big rush of students for about two or three days....But we've had no real advertising since then."

When I walked into the office last week, there were no job hunters wearily trudging in front of the boards or queuing for a form or advice, as so often seen in the main Manpower on Fort. The five students who have been running Student Manpower in the past three months since opening were sitting in a corner, planning advertising strategy. From outside, there is no sign to the passer-by of the office, just a large grey vertical plane of mirrored windowpanes, and a poster inside the lobby. Any other advertising has been precluded by the scarcity of funds, although some local media has run "public service", or unpaid-for, spots. The $600 left in advertising, says Markham, will be spent at the end of the summer on a "Thank you" to employers.

And that's another problem. Of the advertising done, the majority is directed towards employers, the logic being — get the jobs, then the qualified students will come to you. But the students aren't coming. Markham herself admits, "I'd never heard of Student Manpower until I started working here."

Manpower workers also believe gloomy media reports of the unavailability of jobs for students and everyone else are scaring off the less persistent students, including large numbers of high school students.

"The ones (high school students) we do get in now don't really need a job; they're being pressured by their parents. They're down buying a record at A & B and say 'Hey, let's check out Student Manpower.' They don't really want a job, so we wouldn't be fair to an employer if we refer them," said Markham.

"We get a big rush at 4:29 Friday afternoons," said a co-worker, "so they can tell their parents they were looking for a job this week."

ESL admissions tightening

UVic is set to introduce tougher admission standards for English as a Second Language (ESL) students to reduce an anticipated increase in ESL applicants, Dr. Branton, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, told the MARTLET.

Branton said that his committee is investigating a Senate Committee on Admissions recommendation to raise from 550 the minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam score required for UVic admission.

The committee is also considering a recommendation to increase to five years the current three-year "English-speaking environment" residency requirement necessary for avoiding the mandatory TOEFL exam for ESL applicants.

Branton said that although UVic has admitted only 122 ESL students in the past three years, administrators are expecting ESL applications to jump as SFU's decision to restrict foreign student enrollment takes effect, and as ESL students from new private university-prep schools graduate.

In April, Senate turned down a recommendation to raise the necessary TOEFL score to 600 because it would have excluded all but 16 per cent of the last three years' successful ESL applicants. The committee will present a new recommendation by October or November, said Branton.

"There is no explicit pressure for us to restrict foreign student enrollment," said Branton, "but there is implicit political pressure given the economic situation and tight educational resources."

Branton said that "as much as possible we would like to use an academic basis for judging ESL applicants", but added that the change in the residency requirement was a response to the controversial private schools catering to ESL students seeking Canadian university admission.

Branton said that the percentage of ESL students at some private schools was so high that the schools themselves could no longer be classified as an English-speaking environment.

WHEN OFF CAMPUS DROP INTO THE

Crown'an

AND TRY

A Steak Sandwich Dinner
5oz. Top Sirloin Steak, French Fries,
Cole Slaw, Mushroom Caps,
Garlic Bread $3.95

BEFORE THE STING,
TRY THE CROWN' AN

Imperial Inn 1961 Douglas St.

A YEAR IN CHINA?

Students with a minimum of one year of Chinese who are interested in spending the 1982-83 academic year studying Chinese at East China Normal University in Shanghai should contact Pacific and Oriental Studies office immediately.

CLASSIFIED

PROFESSIONAL Typing: Essays, theses, papers. Reasonable rates. Jane McAllister, B.A. English 477-0624.

EXPERIENCED illustrator available for science related books. Salary negotiable. Contact at 385-7316 or 478-1136.

MECHANICAL work done to cars, trucks, boats, toasters, etc. Mobile unit available for emergencies and housecalls. All work guaranteed. $10.00 per hour. Call 383-1872 between 8 a.m. and 12 midnight.

WANTED: Teacher returning to UVic to complete degree will house-sit September through April. Is homeowner, experienced in garden, house, pet, and plant upkeep. Terms negotiable. References available. Phone collect 923-5528.

REASONABLE auto repair rates given to UVic faculty, staff and students. Call Robert at Formula One Import Auto Repair, 383-3733. (Specializing in Fiats but will also work on domestic cars).

BEE GEES

Cor. Blanshard & Broughton 383-2621

Soups, Sandwiches, Submarines, Salad Bar, Ice Cream, Hot Dogs, Juices, Hot & Cold Drinks

Your complete lunch and snack shop downtown.

★ *Pleasant service, pleasant surroundings.* ★

Kitty-corner to Royal Theatre ★ across from the LIBRARY

Futons

100% COTTON MATTRESSES
use as a couch by day
and a bed by night
15% Student Discount

HAMMOCKS
colourful, comfortable, cotton
30% off

pine bedframes, blinds, clothing
and much more

Fifth World Arts
765 Fort Street 384-1114

Talent Night Every Sunday
La Cantina

MEXICAN RESTAURANTE & CANTINA

La Hacienda

Victoria's Newest Mexican Restaurant
Live Entertainment Nightly
Reasonably Priced Take Out Available
Authentic Mexican Cuisine

Restaurante 384-4196 Cantina 384-1514
1425 Store Street, Victoria, B.C.

MARTLET STAFF MEETING

All Welcome
FRIDAY, JULY 30
7:30 PM
SUB Rm. 109
MARTLET OFFICE
next issue:
August 12

The Campus Shop invites you to come and browse.

Visit our UVic Crested clothing department.

Inspect our unique selection of cards.

We carry school supplies, stationery, drugstore items, calculators, and sporting goods.

New Arrivals:

1982-83 Academic Calendars
UVic Crested sweatshirts for boys and adults.

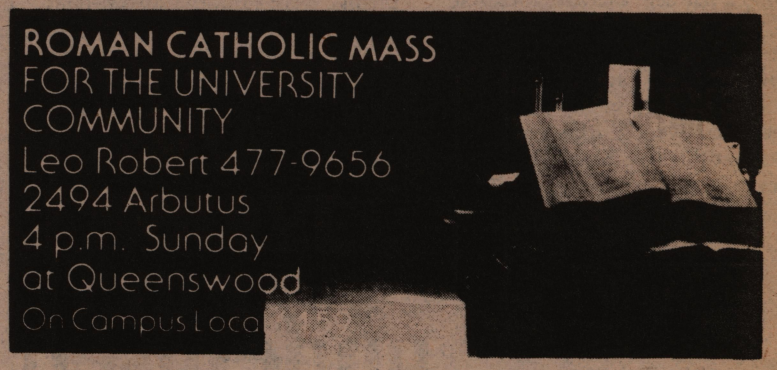
Do Not Forget our July Mall Sale, one week to go, up to 50% off.

We offer photofinishing, postal and drycleaning services.

We are open weekdays 8:30 am-5:00 pm
Saturdays 10:00 am-2:00 pm

For further information please call:
Sales Desk 721-8321
Post Office 721-8322

We carry TI-99/4 Home Computers at competitive prices.



ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS
FOR THE UNIVERSITY
COMMUNITY
Leo Robert 477-9656
2494 Arbutus
4 p.m. Sunday
at Queenswood
On Campus Loca

Tangled up in red tape?

see
Peter Holmes
THE OMBUDSPERSON

SUB Room 133 *721-8357*
Mon - Wed 9:30 - 12:00
Thurs 1:00 2:30
or by appointment

Arc
LH3
M3a

Exit The King

by bruce milne

The Phoenix Summer Theatre production of "Exit the King" provides a progressive alternative to the normal relation of passive mass audience to expert performers. By staging the production in a small theatre and providing surround seating, director David Wilson has brought the audience into at least partial participation.

The relations on stage between characters were not so progressive. We meet five characters in this play who together represent all of humanity. In order of appearance we meet a military guard (male), the King, a Queen, a domestic servant (female, naturally), another Queen, and a doctor (male, naturally?). The two queens, both presently married to the one king, fulfill the standard stereotypes of women — mother virgin and seductive whore. The mother figure ("I'm used to the chores") is old, sexless, unattractive, authoritative and heartless. The second queen is young, attractive, sexual, compliant and emotional ("*Order* me to come to you, to kiss you"). She is also to blame for the King's present condition. Any gaps in the complete male fantasy-picture are filled by the domestic servant. She is uneducated, subservient, loyal and sexually available (a widow). The doctor, being male, is busy, an expert in many things and closely associated with power.

What the foregoing cast of stereotypes do admirably well is reinforce our society's dominant misconceptions about men, women and differing classes in society.

Second only to the reinforcement of male power and prowess provided by the King having two wives, the most objectionable ideology of the play is contained in 'the life not lived' scene. Here we watch the dying King question the domestic servant about her daily life. She outlines mind-numbing, never-ending chores and exploitation while the King speaks of how wonderful it must be. The message is clear for the working class: be accepting and thankful, even grateful, to be alive. Any life no matter what the content is supposedly better than death. Millions of dead revolutionaries attest to an alternate view.

It may have been possible to direct this scene in a more progressive manner. Instead of the woman sitting subservient at the King's feet and the King gradually growing stronger and more excited as his idealistic ignorance of reality over-rides her objections to menial forms of existence — we reverse the roles. The servant rises to her feet and her objections become a powerful litany infused with rage and fury. She marches around the King bombarding him with the reality of her life. The King grows tentative, his idealism absurd. He mutters, stutters, finally merely whispers fragments of his disgusting attempts to discredit her reality. Same script, different action, totally different message.

Ionesco meant this play to be a metaphor for the death of humanity. It is not about death, however, for like all art — all activity — it is of life. Unfortunately, it is a testimony of life as we no longer wish to live it.

by richard walpole

Eugene Ionesco's "Exit the King" rings some deep philosophical bells (see article this edition). What is interesting about director David Wilson's version of the play at the Phoenix is the mixture of truth, humour, absurdity, and caricature that spin with such good timing throughout.

The play lends itself to a slight blurring of the line between audience and actors—the ancient military guard, played with humble precision by Boyd Norman, is relaxing on stage while the audience finds its seats. Mention is made in the text that the king must die before the show is over. The cast does not come out to receive applause at the end.

The only character that shows real development and change from beginning to end is the king, played by David Dosser. He moves admirably from a willful, self-indulgent and neglectful caricature to an insightful human being prepared to accept his own death.

Queen Marguerite, the king's first wife, paces him into a liberating death. Jennifer Langley plays Marguerite with cool calculation; one can almost see her thinking.

The enticing Felesidade Rego plays the king's second queen, Queen Marie, gushing with the seductive hope that love can cure all.

Queen Marguerite is abetted by a mad Doctor/Astronomer, done by Robert Lloyd Mitchell, who struts stiffly around the stage, wild eyes shifting crazily, voice grating over consonants in a fake German accent.

But it is Jeanette Hazelden as an earthy Juliette, the chambermaid, who threatens to steal the show whenever she is on stage. In the most engrossing scene of the play, the king finally talks with Juliette as a human being, discovering details of her humble life which give him joy. Juliette is so responsive the king almost succeeds in escaping his predetermined fate.

The set and lighting, by Ronald Fedoruk, deserve special mention. Never intrusive, always well blended and supportive of the play's action, they create a delight for the eye.

ALL FILMS IN S.U.B. THEATRE
INFORMATION: 721-8364
PICK UP OUR BROCHURE
IN THE S.U.B.

TUESDAYS
DISNEY NIGHT
WEDNESDAYS
SCIENCE-FICTION
DOUBLE FEATURES
THURSDAYS
LE CINEMA FRANÇAIS
FRIDAYS
POT-POURRI
SUMMER
CINECENTA
JULY 6 - AUGUST 20

McPherson Theatre Company
presents
OUTRAGEOUSLY
FUNNY!
SHEER
ENTERTAINMENT!
Allan
M. Purdy
Director
Starring
JANET SENIOR
ANTHONY JENKINS
CAROLYN STEPHENSON
COLIN SKINNER
DOROTHY HOSIE

NOW PLAYING
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
A RIOTOUS BRITISH COMEDY!
McPHERSON PLAYHOUSE
JULY 24 - SEPT. 4
(Generally Wednesdays to Saturdays)
Tickets $6.50, $7.50, $8.50 ($1.00 off St. and Srs.)
McPherson Box Office (386-6121) and usual outlets

Going
Your
Way
TRAVEL
CUTS
Student
Union
Building
Vancouver/Singapore
$803.00
Vancouver/Bangkok
$663.00
Vancouver/
Hong Kong
$544.00
ONE WAY FARES
CANADIAN FUNDS

PHOENIX SUMMER THEATRE
11TH SEASON IN REP!
UNTIL 8 AUGUST
ROUND AND ROUND THE GARDEN
DIRECTED BY PAUL MEARS
July 29, July 31, August 3, August 5
FINAL PERFORMANCE AUGUST 7
EXIT THE KING
DIRECTED BY DAVID WILSON
July 30, August 1, August 4, August 6
FINAL PERFORMANCE AUGUST 8
TICKETS AND INFO 721-8000

editorial

BCGEU Bashing

The provincial government's efforts to lump university faculty and professional staff salary increases into Trudeau's "6 per cent world" are as much an attempt to cut university spending as an attack on the "catch-up keep-up" wage demand of the BCGEU.

While the Socreds know that attempts to control public-sector wages will probably be rejected as unfair (remember that the BCGEU is coming off a three-year, 8 per cent per year contract in the midst of double-digit inflation), they are banking everything on voter acceptance of such measures as necessary.

And all the recent revisions of the Restraint in Government program are meant only to remind us all that, for the Socreds, only harsh (and even unfair) measures will get us out of the economic crisis.

The stakes in this battle with the BCGEU are very high, as private sector employers know very well. If the Socreds win, pressure for wage cuts and rollbacks will mount across the province.

A defeat for the BCGEU will hit doubly hard because it will also help justify the Socreds' arguments for the necessity of cuts to hospital, education and welfare spending, all part of the restraint package.

The Socreds are clearly playing to win. And if they can get away with the measures they're bringing down this week, each meant to justify sacrifice by workers already hit hard by the Socreds' crisis, it will help them chip away at the strong position won by the BCGEU in its strike vote.

That is something that could hurt us all.

Cleaning House

The AMS, by moving its accounts from the Bank of Montreal to the Toronto-Dominion Bank, will fulfill its stated policy of disinvestment from financial institutions that deal with South Africa.

Now it's time to look at the university itself, and to begin the task of cutting the ties that link UVic to the South African regime. And surely, if Victoria's city council can adopt a similar policy of disinvestment, UVic's liberal-thinking administration can follow suit.

But in UVic's case, making a clear break with apartheid should involve more than just transferring operating accounts and investments to safe banks. A disinvestment campaign targeted at UVic should also deal with the university's ideological links with South Africa.

Why is the only course taught here on South African politics given by a professor who, several years ago, was a member of the pro-South African "Friends of the Springbok" club? Why has there been no university criticism of another professor who lectures in South Africa in the summer and who, two years ago, hosted a touring South African parliamentary delegation?

Answering questions like these will become just as important a part of disinvestment as changing banks.

The MARTLET is the newspaper published by the Alma Mater Society of the University of Victoria. The MARTLET is published bi-weekly in the summer months, weekly in winter session. The opinions expressed in these pages are the sole responsibility of the MARTLET and do not (god forbid) necessarily reflect the views of the Alma Mater Society or the University of Victoria.

Editorial and business offices are located in Room 109, Student Union Building. Correspondence should be addressed to the MARTLET, SUB, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 1700, Victoria, B.C., V8W 2Y2. You can call us up at (604) 721-8358; or 721-8359 for advertising.

Co-editors: Katy Chan & Terry Johnson

Production Manager: David Scholefield

Overworked Staff: Merv Adey, Clint Burnham, Jeanette Campbell, Menziwe Mbeo, Bruce Milne, Delores Morowski, Herb Pimlott, Lisa Tansey, Richard Walpole.

The MARTLET is a member of Canadian University Press (CUP), a national students' news cooperative. The MARTLET welcomes unsolicited manuscripts, photographs, art work, etc., when they are accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Unsolicited writers, photographers, etc., are also welcome, but will probably find it more economical (sometimes) to use public transit.

All content is copyright the MARTLET and CUP, 1982. Permission to reprint copy can usually be obtained by calling the above phone number.

Letter Policy..

The MARTLET has an open letter policy: we will undertake to print every letter we receive from students, staff, and faculty; letters must be typewritten (you can use our machines), doublespaced, and include the author's name and either student number or phone number where they can be reached during the day; they should not exceed two hundred words. Letters may be edited due to the limited available space. Pseudonyms may be printed in special cases. Letters not conforming to the above requirements may be printed at the editors' discretion, depending on their interest to the UVic community. Neatness also helps. If your letter has not been printed, it's probably because of your peculiar handwriting. For summer editions, being eternally short on copy, we need letters like never before. Please write your MARTLET, it'll do your mind some good.

"Unborn humans" societal issue

Editors:

This is in reply to your article on "Chipping away at choice" by Terry Johnson. First of all, what choice are we speaking about? The slogans, 'It's a woman's right to choose' or 'Abortion is every woman's right' has been heard so often that we have almost forgotten what they mean. But first let us look at what choice it is we are supporting — the choice that a woman has to have an abortion when she desires — performed legally and by a qualified medical practitioner. It sounds so simple; so why are some people so stubborn about accepting this as a woman's right? Are they bigoted, narrow-minded and out of touch with current knowledge....or is there a little more to this issue than there first appears? What is abortion, and what is being aborted? Commonly it is referred to as 'the removal of the products of conception'. What are the products of conception? They are the fetus with the amniotic sac and the placenta. Is there another way of phrasing this? Yes. Fetus means 'unborn human' (Living Webster Encyclopedic Dictionary). Therefore the products of conception can also be termed 'an unborn human with its life support system'.

Perhaps now you can see why this is not quite as simple an issue as it first appeared. For is the termination of human life, no matter at what stage of its development, a woman's issue or is it a societal issue? Were we, when we were tiny unborn humans, really just a mass of biological cells, and if so, when did we become functioning human beings — at 6 months post conception, at birth, at 7 years, at 18 years? Is there any time in our development when we were not growing or acquiring knowledge? Therefore, is our society accepting a system of 'quality of life'? Do we believe that there should be a board appointed who determines whether our life is valuable to ourselves or to others and if found not to be so, should someone then have the right to 'terminate' or 'remove' us?

These are the questions that prolifers ask. Although they are labelled as 'one issue groups' etc. this is an unjust label. They are equally concerned about those women who find themselves in these difficult straits and who feel that the termination of their unborn child is their best solution. Therefore they volunteer their time at pregnancy distress centres and offer friendship, concern and guidance to those in this distress.

I will leave you with two more quesitons to ponder. Firstly, is the termination of the life of an unborn child really the 'solution' to that woman's problem? Secondly, what is the true choice (right) that every woman has and which she has the power and privlege to execute if she desires, and which would also deal with the problem of abortion? When we advoctate women's rights do we forget that every right also entails responsibility.

Connie Stam

No concrete heads

Editors:

I see in your edition of July 15 a cartoon lampooning anti-abortionists, specifically the ones who appeal to their religious beliefs. Who is this character that "bulbul" caricatures? I realize that some preachers are reactionary concreteheads who can't examine their beliefs and yet decree statutes for others to live by; but I haven't run into any lately.

Garth Spencer

Petch pet peeves

Editors:

It has come to my attention that the light brown corgi that makes itself such a confounded nuisance at the University Centre belongs to none other than Dr. Petch. In the event that the Health Inspectors should come by some people may lose their jobs due to this pest's presence. It, however, is not the staff's fault. I have seen the little demon biting at people that try to shoo it outside. I for one would be most pleased if Dr. Petch would set an example by leaving his dog at home or keeping it under control.

Brad Piekkola

Hot Flashes

AMS Chooses TD

by herb pimlott

The AMS has "killed two birds with one stone" in choosing the Toronto Dominion Bank to replace the departing Bank of Montreal as the AMS' financial institution of choice.

The Toronto-Dominion offered interest rates on the AMS operating accounts 1 to 1 1/4 per cent greater than its closest competitor, the Continental Bank. And the choice of the Toronto-Dominion fulfills the AMS' promise to not deal with banks that invest in South Africa, "all things being equal."

Interest on the AMS account in the TD will be calculated by minimum monthly balance, freeing the AMS General Manager from the administrative headache of calculating the monthly surplus ahead of time, and then buying a term deposit for that amount.

The main disadvantage to TD is that it does not have a campus branch and is unlikely to get one.

Student-aid front-ended

Changes in the B.C. Student Assistance Plan (BCSAP) will leave many student-aid applicants with a larger loan, and a lower grant than last year, but it isn't deterring student borrowers.

Business at UVic's Financial Aid office is up 100 per cent over last year, leaving the staff "trying to run the same operation with twice as much to do," manager Nels Granewall told the MARTLET.

"With the general economic situation, students should be hesitating at borrowing more money," said Granewall, "but, then, what's the alternative?"

Granewall was commenting on a $400 increase in the BCSAP "front-end loan" that will leave all students receiving less than $2800 in financial assistance this year with a larger ratio of loans to non-repayable grants.

Granewall said that the hike in the front-end loan, from $800 to $1200, should not hurt too badly the "large majority" of applicants—but it will increase the debt-load of students with lower need.

Granewall added that high unemployment, and high interest rates were certainly leading to more student loan defaults.

Tuition up 6%?

Secretary of State Gerald Regan said in the House of Commons, July 22, that the federal government would be encouraging the provinces to restrict university and college tuition increases to 6 per cent, as part of the government's new campaign against the economic crisis.

So far there has been no provincial comment on Regan's latest addition to the feds' "6 per cent world".

As one local student pundit wondered, what would be the point of keeping wage increases down to 6 per cent to save money, if you turned around and kept prices down, too?

Anti-war rally highlight

"Peace is the only shelter," says the Vancouver Island Coalition for Disarmament, and the Coalition will be driving home that point during an August 6—8 "Disarmament Education Weekend" planned for Victoria.

The weekend's activities, which include an all-day August 6 vigil for the survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will be highlighted by an August 7 march and rally at the provincial legislature.

The rally, starting at 12:30 at Centennial Square, will hear speakers outline the Coalition's demands for: an end to the arms race; an end to foreign military intervention; no Cruise missile tests in Canada; no to Trident submarines; and money for development, not arms.

"There will be petitions to sign on a variety of anti-nuclear topics, and speakers will teach you the economics behind the arms race, and how to divert the military portion of your taxes to a Peace Tax Fund," said Coalition representative Sue Stroud.

"Peace is spelled P-E-O-P-L-E. Reagan spells it T-R-I-D-E-N-T. Trudeau may try to spell it C-R-U-I-S-E. These weapons must be stopped now; once they're in place they are much more difficult to dislodge," said Stroud.